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EVALUATION OF RESERVES TO BE COMPLE-
TED BY DECEMBER; CANADIAN VISIT FOR
MISKAR TECHNICIANS

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1. RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH MISKAR PRESIDENT DISIG-
NATE KAMEL REKIK AND WITH RESIDENT ELF-AQUITAINE MANAGER
SERGE GSTALDER INDICATE THAT MISKAR STUDY GROUP
STILL SEEKING RIG FOR FIFTH EVALUATION WELL INTENDED
TO PROVIDE BASIS FOR MORE PRECISE RESERVE ESTIMATES FOR
MISKAR OFFSHORE GAS FIELD. REKIK SAID HE NOW EXPECTS
WELL TO BE DRILLED IN OCTOBER WITH RELATED EVALUATION
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TO BE COMPLETED BY YEAR END. AS UAUALUJ REKIK INSISTED
THAT OTHER WORK ON THIS MAJOR PROJECT (E.G. AWARD OF
OFFSHORE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT) WILL CONTINUE WITHOUT
SIGNIFICANT DELAY IN PARALLEL WITH FURTHER RESERVE
EVALUATION.

2. CANADIAN EMBASSY TELLS US THEY ARE ARRANGING

VISITS THIS SUMMER TO CANADIAN (SOUR) GAS PROCESSING PLANTS FOR 4 OR 5 OFFICIALS/TECHNICIANS FROM STEG AND ETAP (STATE ELECTRICITY AND GAS AND STATE PETROLEUM COMPANY, RESPECTIVELY), WITH JOINT FUNDING BY PRIVATE FIRMS INTERESTED MISKAR AN GOC (THROUGH MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE'S "PMED" PROGRAM). ACCORDING TO CANADIAN EMBASSY, THIS PROGRAM HAS PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLE IN MOST MAJOR BUSINESS DEALS MADE HERE BY CANADIANS AND IS VIEWED AS KEY TO THEIR EFFORTS TO WIN SHARE IN MISKAR AND, FOR CANATRANS CONSORTIUM, IN TUNIS "LIGHT METRO" STREET RAILWAY.

3. WE URGE THAT COMMERCE LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY OF ORGANIZING COMPARABLE VISITS TO USA FOR TECHNICIANS AND DECISION-MAKERS INVOLVED IN MAJOR PROJECTS SUCH AS MISKAR. MULCAHY

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